

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : Case No. 2:17-cr-00184-JD-1

Plaintiff(s), : Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

October 12, 2018

v. : 3:45 p.m.

YOUNIES BAYOUMY,

Defendant(s). :

TRANSCRIPT OF CONTINUANCE HEARING BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAN E. DUBOIS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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- 1 (Call to Order of the Court.)
- THE COURT: Good afternoon, everyone. Please be
- 3 seated.
- 4 ALL: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: I call the case of the United States of
- 6 America versus Younies Bayoumy, Criminal Number 17-184. The
- 7 case is scheduled for trial to begin today. Defendant filed
- 8 a motion, an unopposed motion for a 30-day continuance of the
- 9 trial. I'll hear from Defense counsel.
- MS. GAUGHAN: Your Honor, the Continuance Motion was
- 11 filed because there's additional time that's required to
- 12 attempt to resolve this non-trial. There's -- as the Court
- is well aware, there's some complex issues involved in this
- 14 case and we're just finessing some negotiations with that
- 15 regard. So I don't anticipate that we need an extended
- 16 period of time. I know the Court has -- is very busy, so
- 17 we'll certainly work around the Court's schedule, but that is
- 18 the reason for the continuance. It is anticipated that this
- 19 is going to resolve itself in a non-trial disposition with a
- 20 (C) plea agreement.
- 21 THE COURT: I gather -- and I'm thinking of the
- 22 order that I will be issuing. I gather that if there is a
- 23 non-trial disposition, it will not be delayed until the date
- 24 we finally select as a trial date.
- MS. GAUGHAN: Yes, that's true.

- 1 THE COURT: And you'll report on that as soon as
- 2 you've reached agreement --
- 3 MS. GAUGHAN: Yes.
- 4 THE COURT: -- if you do. If there is no non-trial
- 5 disposition, I assume that you'll need certainly time to
- 6 prepare for trial.
- 7 MS. GAUGHAN: Yes.
- 8 THE COURT: Do you need any additional
- 9 investigation?
- MS. GAUGHAN: No.
- 11 THE COURT: Do you need any additional pretrial
- 12 motions?
- MS. GAUGHAN: Possibly, yes, Your Honor, if it was
- 14 to --
- 15 THE COURT: All right.
- MS. GAUGHAN: -- result in a trial.
- THE COURT: Well, we'll provide for that. I gather,
- and I'm going to include this in the order because there have
- 19 been so many continuances, that the non-trial disposition,
- 20 it's more complicated in this case because it implicates the
- 21 claimed link or connection between Defendant's autism
- 22 spectrum disorder, Asperger's syndrome and the crimes
- 23 charged. Is that a correct statement?
- MS. GAUGHAN: Well, Judge, I think it's part of our
- 25 ongoing -- part of our, I guess, negotiation that certainly

- 1 is an accurate statement --
- 2 THE COURT: Okay.
- 3 MS. GAUGHAN: -- that it was definitely involved in
- 4 the negotiating.
- 5 THE COURT: Do you agree, Ms. Rotella?
- 6 MS. ROTELLA: I do, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. Those are the only things I
- 8 wanted to clarify. What we'll do now is pick a trial date
- 9 and I'll colloquy the Defendant and then issue the order.
- 10 Unfortunately, the U.S. Attorney's Office has managed to
- 11 keep me rather busy, particularly in November. Most of
- 12 November and we've come up with some dates which -- Milan?
- 13 THE CLERK: Yes?
- 14 (Pause in proceedings.)
- THE COURT: Okay. The first date when I'm clear is
- 16 January 7th. Now, that doesn't mean you have to wait and I
- 17 wanted to clarify that. I would hope that you'd be able to
- 18 reach agreement because this has been ongoing for quite some
- 19 time.
- MS. GAUGHAN: Yes.
- 21 THE COURT: January 7th, 2018 (sic), is really the
- 22 first available date. I didn't want to schedule this during
- 23 the week after New Year's. It's a short week. I decided not
- 24 to do that. Is January 7th convenient for counsel?
- MS. ROTELLA: Actually, Your Honor, I do have

- 1 another trial that's listed that may actually go. Would you
- 2 mind listing it for the 14th, this case for the 14th?
- 3 THE COURT: I wish I could. On the 14th, I have a
- 4 case that I know will go to trial. It's a case involving a
- 5 city police officer who was fired and the difference between
- 6 the demand and the no offer is dramatic. As dramatic as I've
- 7 ever seen and I'm sure that case will go to trial.
- 8 MS. ROTELLA: Well, then --
- 9 THE COURT: Let me just look.
- MS. ROTELLA: It's okay to leave it on the 7th.
- 11 THE COURT: I think the 14th is unavailable.
- MS. ROTELLA: The 7th is fine, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Are you sure, Ms. Rotella?
- MS. ROTELLA: It will work itself out one way or the
- 15 other, it will be fine.
- 16 THE COURT: I don't think the 14th will -- I don't
- see any possibility that that case will not proceed to trial.
- 18 I've estimated it will take 5 to 7 days. I suspect because I
- 19 haven't told you, the police officer fired his attorney and
- 20 is -- or the former police officer, fired his attorney and is
- 21 now proceeding pro se, so it might not take 5 to 7 days, it
- 22 might take 10 to 14 days. Okay. Well, we'll leave it that
- 23 date, but if that presents a conflict, we'll address it. I'm
- 24 hopeful that the case will resolve by non-trial resolution
- 25 and it's for that reason that I'm doing this.

- 1 All right. First, we'll colloquy the Defendant. Mr.
- 2 Bayoumy, you've been through this before. We have a trial
- 3 date today, but your attorney has filed a Motion for Trial
- 4 Continuance. She needs more time to continue in her effort
- 5 to negotiate a non-trial disposition of the case, a guilty
- 6 plea. Do you understand that?
- 7 MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: Do you agree with that?
- 9 MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: The present Speedy Trial Act deadline is
- 11 November 19th, 2018. Do you understand that?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: The Speedy Trial Act provides that a
- 14 case must be brought to trial within a certain number of days
- 15 after the defendant's first appearance. Do you understand
- 16 that?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: In this case, indeed in all cases, there
- 19 are extensions of that date because of motions and other
- 20 pretrial proceedings and that's what occurred in this case.
- 21 Do you understand that?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: That's why the deadline is November 19th
- 24 at present. Do you understand that?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: I have authority under the Speedy Trial
- 2 Act to continue the trial beyond the Speedy Trial Act
- 3 deadline of November 19th, 2018, for reasons such as those
- 4 advanced by your attorney, that is, to continue efforts to
- 5 negotiate a non-trial disposition and failing that, to
- 6 consider the additional time necessary to file additional
- 7 pretrial motions and to prepare the case for trial. Do you
- 8 understand that?
- 9 MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: The first date on which the Court and
- 11 counsel are available to try the case is Monday, January 7th,
- 12 2019. Do you understand that?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: In the event you reach an agreement with
- 15 the Government, a guilty plea agreement, before then, we will
- 16 conduct a guilty plea hearing at an earlier date. Do you
- 17 understand that?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Do you have any objection to the
- 20 continuance of the trial to January 7th, 2019?
- MR. BAYOUMY: No.
- THE COURT: Do you agree to that continuance?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Do you agree that the delay in bringing
- 25 the case to trial between today, October 12th, 2018, and

- 1 Monday, January 7th, 2019, may be excluded in calculating the
- 2 time within which the case must be brought to trial under the
- 3 Speedy Trial Act? That was a long -- a very long sentence.
- 4 In essence, it says do you agree that that delay in bringing
- 5 the case to trial from today, October 12th, 2018, to Monday,
- 6 January 7th, 2019, may be excluded in calculating the time
- 7 within which the case must be brought to trial?
- MR. BAYOUMY: I understand, Your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: And do you agree?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: And finally, do you agree to waive your
- 12 Speedy Trial Act rights to the extent of that delay?
- MR. BAYOUMY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Fine. The motion is granted. The trial
- is continued and is specially listed to begin on January 7th,
- 16 2019, at 10 a.m. in this courtroom. The estimated trial time
- 17 is four to five days if it goes to trial. Is that still
- 18 accurate, Ms. Rotella?
- MS. ROTELLA: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: All right. We have to schedule just a
- 21 few other things. A report on trial status. By what date do
- 22 you think you would be in a position to report on trial
- 23 status, Ms. Gaughan?
- MS. GAUGHAN: I think by the first week of November,
- 25 Your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: The first Monday in November is November
- 2 5th. Do you want more time than that, November 12th? You
- 3 tell me.
- 4 MS. GAUGHAN: That's fine -- why don't we do it
- 5 November 12th just in an abundance of caution.
- 6 THE COURT: Fine. All right. Pretrial motions.
- 7 You said when I questioned you earlier that there might be a
- 8 need to file additional pretrial motions.
- 9 MS. GAUGHAN: There would be, Your Honor, if this
- 10 went to trial, yes.
- 11 THE COURT: When do you propose filing them keeping
- in mind the report date on the trial status is November 12th?
- MS. GAUGHAN: The following week.
- 14 THE COURT: Okay. November 19th. Responses --
- 15 Thanksgiving falls in the following week, so we'll make it
- 16 toward the end of that week. That will give you enough time,
- 17 will it not, Ms. Rotella?
- MS. ROTELLA: Are you talking about the first week
- 19 in December then?
- 20 THE COURT: Well, pretrial motions are to be filed
- 21 under the schedule November 19th.
- MS. ROTELLA: Yes.
- 23 THE COURT: Ordinarily, I would order responses by
- November 26th, but part of the preceding week, the week of
- 25 November 19th is Thanksgiving, so we'll give you until -- I

- 1 have a busy December as well. We'll give you a few extra
- 2 days.
- 3 MS. ROTELLA: Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: By Wednesday, November 28th; does that
- 5 work?
- 6 MS. ROTELLA: Yes, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Fine. Are the -- is the motion or are
- 8 the motions you think might be filed if there is to be a
- 9 trial, will those motions involve a hearing or no?
- 10 MS. GAUGHAN: I believe so.
- 11 THE COURT: Well, then we'll schedule one right now.
- 12 We're up to November 28th.
- 13 (Pause in proceedings.)
- 14 THE COURT: Friday, December 14th, does that work, 2
- 15 p.m.?
- MS. GAUGHAN: Yes.
- MS. ROTELLA: Yes, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Voir dire questions, -- Milahn, voir
- 19 dire questions, points for charge?
- THE CLERK: It would be December 17th.
- 21 THE COURT: Responses by December 24th to any
- 22 motion. Okay. Judging from the information you've shared
- 23 with me today, I don't think we're going to go through this,
- 24 but I want to schedule everything so we don't have to come
- 25 back. All right. I'll grant the motion. The reasons will

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be similar to the reasons advanced in the prior continuance
    motions. Is there anything else that we need to do? There
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    will be a written order issued. I'll dictate it today.
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              MS. GAUGHAN: No, Your Honor. I don't --
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              THE COURT: It will probably go out Monday.
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             MS. GAUGHAN: -- think there's anything else.
             THE COURT: Ms. Rotella?
             MS. ROTELLA: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
              THE COURT: All right. On that note, we're
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     adjourned.
              THE CLERK: All rise.
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              THE COURT: Defendant is remanded to the custody of
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     the U.S. Marshals.
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         (Court concluded at 4:02 p.m.)
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